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- In June 1952 the priority material procurement project of the Büro für Wirtschaftsfragen (Office for Economic Questions) (BfW) was the preparation for the production of three-ton trucks at VVB Ifa Horchwerk Zwickau (VEB). The government orders in question were:
 - B II/0416 for 2,088 three-ton trucks
 - B II/0417 for 16 three-ton trucks with special equipment

The orders primarily concerned workshop trucks and personnel carriers with built-in benches.
- The order was placed in January 1952, and as of the end of June 1952, 675 trucks had been produced. From June 1952 on, the aim was to reduce production rejections to one out of every 400 units produced. The finished trucks are delivered to Object 204, which is a receiving point (Abnahme-stelle). Lead, brass, glass, and medium plate 3 to 5 mm. thick represent special bottlenecks.
- An order for 2,479 pieces (Stück) of all kinds was placed with Kihlerbau W, a firm in Leipzig; as of 16 June 1952 a total of 630 pieces had been delivered. Brass was in short supply, and only 10 tons of it were on hand. An additional 27 tons of brass were needed in order to fulfill the contract. It was expected that this difficulty would be overcome, since production was once again being taken up at the Lietzstedt Walzwerk in Saxony-Anhalt 2/.
- Deliveries of lead from China amounting to 35 metric tons were received by VVB RFT Glühlampenfabrik Zwickau (VEB). Zwickau produces automobile batteries.
- As of 16 June 1952, glass was still in short supply. Although the USSR delivered 800 kg., 1,500 sq. m. of glass were still needed in order to produce the planned trucks.

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6. The following plants have received orders to produce cable wires and copper wires (Leitungen):

IKA Ruhla/Thuringia 2/

Kabel-Werk Schönau 4/
Kabelwerk Plauen 2/

Kabelwerk Oberspree 6/

IKA Kabelwerk Vacha/Elbe

Sprengstoffwerk Schönebeck 7/

- 25X1 1/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: Kühlerbau Leipzig is not listed in available reference works.
- 2/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: The plant referred to is probably SAG Marten Walzwerk für Buntmetalle, Bietsteden.
- 3/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: There are two IKA plants in Ruhla: Elektroinstallation, Werk I and Elektroinstallation, Werk II.
- 4/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: Available reference works list a VVB IKA Kabelwerk Schönau (VEB), near Berlin.
- 25X1 5/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] probably means VVB IKA Leitungswerk Plauen.
- 6/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: Kabelwerk Oberspree was formerly under SAG Kabel. It is not known under whose jurisdiction the plant is now.
- 25X1 7/ [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] probably referring to VVB Organa Bergbau-, Sprengstoff- und Zündmittelwerk Schönebeck/Elbe (VEB).